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This is a correction to the Appeal Brief filed March 29, 2011. The Notification of Non-Compliant Brief notes that a new brief was not required, only the heading of the brief and the correction to the Summary of Claimed Subject Matter. The correction is shown herein.

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SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The claims at issue concern a separating layer carrier comprising a laminar substrate and a separating layer applied thereon. See, e.g., Page 4, paragraph 1 of the official translation as filed (Page 1, lines 12-17 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009). The carrier comprises a relief structure with raised sections forming substantially complementary channels in a layer of adhesive, through which air trapped during adhesion can escape. See, e.g., Page 4, paragraph 1 of the official translation as filed (Page 1, lines 12-17 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009). The relief structure is provided, at least in part, by an imprint of a printing material in a pattern on the substrate and the raised sections of the relief structure comprise the printing material. See, e.g., Page 5, 3rd full paragraph of the official translation as filed, and Figures 1-4 (Page 2, lines 12-15 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

In some embodiments, the substrate comprises paper. See, e.g., Page 5, 4th full paragraph of the official translation as filed (Page 3, lines 17-19 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

In some embodiments, the substrate comprises coated paper. See, e.g., Page 6, 1st full paragraph of the official translation as filed (Page 4, lines 8-11 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

In some embodiments, the substrate comprises paper coated with plastic. See, e.g., Page 6, 1st full paragraph of the official translation as filed (Page 4, lines 8-11 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

In some embodiments, the substrate comprises plastic film. See, e.g., Page 6, 1st full paragraph of the official translation as filed (Page 4, lines 8-11 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

In some embodiments, the substrate comprises plastic film coated with plastic. See, e.g., Page 6, 1st full paragraph of the official translation as filed (Page 4, lines 8-11 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

In some embodiments, the separating layer is imprinted on the substrate with the relief structure covering the entire surface. See, e.g., Page 6, 2nd full paragraph of the official translation as filed (Page 4, lines 12-16 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

In some embodiments, the relief structure is a regular polygonal structure comprising polygons having between four and eight corners. See, e.g., Page 7, 1st full paragraph of the official translation as filed. (Page 4, lines 24-26 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

In some embodiments, the relief structure is an irregular polygonal structure comprising stochastically shaped and distributed corner-joined polygons having between four and seven corners. See, e.g., Page 7, 2nd full paragraph of the official translation as filed (Page 5, lines 1-3 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

In some embodiments, the relief structure comprises sections having a width of from 50 μm to 200 μm and a height of from 5 μm to 40 μm . See, e.g., paragraph spanning pages 6-7 of the official translation as filed (Page 4, lines 21-23 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

In some embodiments, each polygon covers an area of from 0.5 mm^2 to 3 mm^2 . See, e.g., Page 7, 3rd full paragraph of the official translation as filed (Page 5, lines 4-5 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

In some embodiments, a self-adhesive material is added to the carrier. See, e.g., Page 4 of the official translation as filed and Figures 1-3 (Page 1, lines 20-25 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

In some embodiments, the relief structure is a rhombus or regular hexagon. See, e.g., Page 7, 1st full paragraph of the official translation as filed (Page 4, lines 24-26 of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

In some embodiments, the printing material comprises printing inks modified with silicone. See, e.g., paragraph spanning pages 5 and 6 of the official translation as filed (Page 3, line 27 to page 4, lines 7, line of the amended application as filed with the response dated May 5, 2009).

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